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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes new Fig. 8.

**Remarks/Arguments**

The description has been amended and new Figure 8 added to provide support for original claims 12 and 13. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

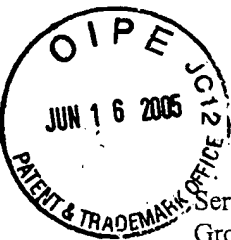
The Examiner considered that the words "screw traces" in claim 23 should read "screw and traces". Applicant traverses this suggestion. The relevant phrase in claim 23 reads: "said first spiral thread and second spiral thread arranged such that a direction of tracing that traces said first spiral thread toward said inner end of said screw traces said second spiral thread away from said inner end of said screw". It is submitted that, in this context, the words "screw traces" are proper.

This application now has the following four independent claims: claims 1, 9, 12, and 18.

Claim 1 was rejected as anticipated by JP-300004646 to Yamakawa. Amended claim 1 requires "irradiating bedding with narrow spectrum radiation while moving said bedding relative to said at least one source of narrow spectrum radiation". This feature is not part of Yamakawa nor, for that matter, the other references relied upon by the Examiner. Further, as described at paragraph 36, this feature helps ensure the bedding does not overheat. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1, and the claims that depend therefrom, patentably define over the art of record.

Claim 9 has been re-written in independent form to include the features of claim 1. Claim 9 requires "repetitively compressing and relaxing said compressible bedding". This feature is not part of the references relied upon by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 9, and the claims that depend therefrom, patentably define over the art of record.

Claim 12 has been re-written in independent form to include the features of claim 1. Claim 12 requires "said exposing said bedding to ultraviolet radiation [comprising] moving an ultraviolet light along opposite sides of said blanket or bedspread at a stand-off from said blanket or bedspread".



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This feature is not part of the references relied upon by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 12, and the claims that depend therefrom, patentably define over the art of record.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 18 to 25 are considered allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all claims are now in a condition for allowance and early allowance is requested.

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